

Three Questions and Their Answers

American Missionary Association

Concert Exercise



FOR

Lincoln Memorial Sunday

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Supt. : Who was Abraham Lincoln ?

Scholar : Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States. We know a great deal of his boyhood and youth, as well as of his early manhood and the later years of his life. His whole history reads like a romance, and must be of thrilling interest to every patriotic boy and girl throughout the country.

Abraham Lincoln was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, February 12, 1809. We are, therefore, nearing the century mark in this anniversary of his birth.

The conditions of his early life were very humble. He was born of the class known as the American Highlanders, near the region in which the American Missionary Association has since established schools and churches. Young Lincoln had very little opportunity for schooling. In early life his family moved West, first to Indiana and then into Illinois.

Abraham Lincoln was farm laborer, clerk in a store, director of a flat-boat, grocer, surveyor, lawyer, congressman and President. As President he was commander-in-chief of the army and navy of this nation. He brought to a successful issue the War of the Rebellion and saved the nation as one united country.

One of the greatest events in his life, and in the whole history of the nation, was the emancipation of the Negro slaves in the South. The Emancipation Proclamation was issued in September, 1862. Its provision took effect the first of the following January, and from that day to this the curse of slavery has been unknown upon our national territory. With such a life as that of Abraham Lincoln before us, with the humblest beginnings and most adverse circumstances, but reaching such a height of splendid service and heroic sacrifice, no American boy or girl need be discouraged. The best of service and influence and usefulness is possible to all, but comes only through loyalty to conviction, tireless perseverance and indomitable courage. The emancipation of the Negroes brought upon the churches and Sunday-schools great responsibility for their education and redemption. To this work we especially turn our attention on this

Lincoln Memorial Sunday.

Supt. : What is the American Missionary Association?

Scholar : The American Missionary Association was organized in 1846 to plant churches, schools, missions, and to develop the best industrial and domestic life among the neediest millions in our own America. The fields occupied by the Association now stretch from Alaska to Porto Rico, including both extremes, and from Savannah to Honolulu.

The field occupied is both Continental and Insular United States. Representatives of ten distinct and different people were gathered in the schools and missions of this Association last year.

They represented more than twelve millions of people in our own nation.

This Association was the first to introduce Industrial Training into the schools among these needy peoples. This course of instruction is furnished in each of these institutions, both for boys and girls. Sunday-schools, Endeavor Societies, Bands of Hope, Bands of Mercy are organized by the boys and girls in these various fields and prove of large value.

A Motto : THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION PLANTS
UNDER THE SHADOW OF OUR FLAG, THE CHURCH,
THE SCHOOL, THE CHRISTIAN HOME.

Supt. : What can this Sunday-school do ?

Scholar : This Sunday-school can form Study Classes to learn about the many different people in our nation who are being helped by the American Missionary Association.

We can also contribute of our sympathy and money to this work. The collection which we now gather is to be devoted to this great field of missions under the American Missionary Association. Shall we not to-day make this Lincoln Memorial Sunday the record-breaking anniversary of all those that have gone before ?

“ It is for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us * * * * that we here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain ; that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.”—A. LINCOLN.

Our Saviour said : “ Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.”

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